

FEMA Provides Another \$6.9 Million to Utah for COVID-19 Response

DENVER – FEMA has approved another \$6.9 million in Public Assistance funding for the COVID-19 response in Utah. The assistance was made available under a major disaster declaration issued April 4, 2020. FEMA has approved more than \$380 million in Public Assistance funding for the Utah COVID-19 response to date.

The **\$6.9 million** was provided to IHC Health Services, Inc. for purchasing and providing personal protective equipment (PPE) such as N95 respirators, surgical masks, medical gowns, medical gloves, coveralls, face shields, safety glasses, and powered respiratory suits for staff working at 80 different facilities. This funding covers costs incurred between January 1, 2022, through July 1, 2022.

For the COVID-19 response, FEMA has simplified the Public Assistance application and funding process to address the magnitude of this event and to allow local officials to receive eligible funding more quickly. These reimbursements play a critical role as state, local and tribal officials work to assist their communities during this response.

To fully support this essential work, the President authorized provision of FEMA Public Assistance at 100 percent federal funding through July 1, 2022. Beginning July 2, 2022, the federal cost share for COVID-19 projects is 90 percent of the eligible cost.

On February 9, FEMA announced the agency would publish a Federal Register Notice providing a 90-day advance notice to government partners and stakeholders that eligibility of COVID-19 work and reimbursable costs will end on May 11, 2023.

The FEMA Public Assistance program provides funding to governmental agencies and certain private non-profits for eligible disaster response costs and to repair or replace damaged public infrastructure. For more information about the Public Assistance program, visit: <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/program-overview>.

